## IN THE CLAIMS

- 1) (currently amended) An apparatus for connecting electrical components comprising:
- a substantially annular keying element having a ribbed outer surface;
- a first grounding element;
- a second grounding element configured to receive said first grounding element;
- a body element configured for connection to a printed circuit board, said second grounding element extending from said body element;

whereby, said first and second grounding elements provide a grounding connection ground path to a predetermined ground upon connection of said keying element to said predetermined connector and said body element to said printed circuit board.

- 2) (previously presented) An apparatus as in claim 1 wherein said keying element comprises a standardized connector.
- 3) (previously presented) An apparatus as in claim 2 wherein said standardized connector further comprises a FAKRA compliant connector.
- 4) (previously presented) An apparatus as in claim 1 wherein said first grounding element is removeably mounted upon said second grounding element.
- 5) (previously presented) An apparatus as in claim 4 wherein said first grounding element comprises an annular grounding element.
- 6) (previously presented) An apparatus as in claim 1 wherein said body element further comprises a printed circuit board jack.

- 7) (currently amended) An apparatus for connecting electrical components comprising:
- a keying element comprising a standardized connector adapted for connecting to a predetermined connector via having ribs on an outer surface thereof;
  - a substantially annular first grounding element;
- a substantially annular second grounding element configured for connection with said first grounding element;
- a body element jack having mounted thereon said second grounding element, said body element jack configured for connection to a printed circuit board;

whereby, said first and second grounding elements provide a grounding connection to a predetermined ground-upon connection of said keying element to said predetermined connector and when said body element jack is connected to said printed circuit board.

8) (previously presented) A method for connecting electrical components comprising:

providing substantially first and second annular grounding elements and a FAKRA electrical connector having a ribbed outer surface, the second grounding element provided upon a body element;

inserting the first grounding element over the second grounding element; inserting an end of the FAKRA connector through the first grounding element; and coupling the FAKRA connector to the second grounding element, thereby providing an electrical connection and ground for the FAKRA electrical connector.

- 9) (previously presented) A method for connecting electrical components comprising:
- connecting a first grounding element to a second grounding element,

whereby said second grounding element is mounted to a body element jack adapted to connect to a printed circuit board; and,

- connecting a keying element having a ribbed outer surface to said body element jack;

so that any electrical connection created by connecting said keying element to said body element jack is grounded by said connection of said first grounding element to said second grounding element.

- 10) (currently amended) An article of manufacture for connecting standardized RE electrical components to a printed circuit board, comprising:
  - a keying element configured for receiving a predetermined electrical connector;
- a body element jack configured for mounting to a printed circuit board and comprising an annular second grounding element extending therefrom, said second grounding element comprising a mounting surface;
  - a first grounding element connected to said second grounding element; and said keying element connector fastened to said mounting surface.
  - 11. (previously presented) An electrical connector comprising:
- a body element having a first portion configured to be mounted to a printed circuit board and a second portion comprising an annular grounding element extending therefrom;
- a standardized connector comprising a keyed outer surface and configured for removable connection to said annular grounding element; and

an annular grounding gasket surrounding said grounding element and situated in between said first portion of said body element and said keyed outer surface.

12. (previously presented) A right angle electrical connector comprising:

a body element comprising a first surface configured for mounting to a printed circuit board and a second surface configured for mounting to a standardized keying connector, said first surface and said second surfaces substantially perpendicular to one another;

a grounding element extending from said second surface and comprising a substantially annular member projecting from said second surface;

a grounding gasket fitted over said annular member; and

a standardized keying connector inserted through at least a portion of said grounding gasket and removably coupled to said grounding element.

13. (previously presented) A right angle electrical connector comprising:

a body element comprising a first surface configured for mounting to a printed circuit board and a second surface configured for mounting to a standardized keying connector, said first surface and said second surfaces substantially perpendicular to one another;

a grounding element extending from said second surface and comprising a substantially annular member extending therefrom, said annular member including cut-out portions therein;

a grounding gasket fitted over said annular member; and

a standardized keying connector inserted through at least a portion of said grounding gasket and engaged to said grounding element via the cut-out portions.